(b) whether it is being sponsored by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what are the objectives of such shows ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) National Housing Bank & Life Insurance Corporation of India are jointly sponsoring an exhibition entitled "Invest India-Delhi" from 30th September to 3rd October, 1990 at New Delhi. This is an exhibition of financial schemes and services of banks and financial institutions. It will provide an opportunity to exhibitors to present their products and services to current and potential investors under one roof and help them obtain intelligent investment and finance options and advice to maximise the returns from investments.

Production of natural and artificial flavours

3468. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated natural and artificial flavour production in the country;

(b) how many companies are engaged in this industry;

(c) whether there is any ban on using certain chemicals for making artificial flavours;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have conducted any study regarding side effects of artificial flavours on human health; and

(f) if so, what are the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The flavours are almost entirely produced in the small scale sector and food flavour industry is not a monitored industry. However, according to available information there are six units engaged in the manufacture, of flavours in the organised sector.

(c) to (d) According to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 certain flavouring agents are prohibited in any article of good.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected and, to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Marine Products

3469. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to boost export of marine products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various steps taken by the Government to boost exports of marine products include :

(i) Stepping up production of by the development of capture fisheries;

(ii) Stepping up production of culture fisheries;

(iii) Induction of new technology and value addition;

(iv) Modernisation of processing facilities, quality upgradation and reduction in waste; and

(v) Aggressive market promotion measures.

Offer by NRIs to Invest in Real Estate

3470. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that at a recent meeting of the FICCI, the NRIs offered to invest in real estate, housing developments, plantations and other agricultural activities and also for wasteland development if adequate policy measures are framed to encourage them; and

(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto ?